

May 1998 Newsletter

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Floral Felicitations!

'Tis the season--to be out as much as possible, gardening, walking, and painting. And thanks to El Nino we have a longer growing season this year. Speaking of growing, our knowledge of watercolor will grow as we watch Ron Lent demo on Monday, May 11, 7:30 pm at the Somerset County Library. Program Chairwoman Debbie Tintle gets us a winner again (speaking of winners, "Lucky Ed" Baumlin had his portrait done in pastel by Alden Baker at the last RVAA meeting/demo and got to take it home!). Ron, a member of NJWCS and GSWs, and multi-award winner, always gives a good demo. Ron will donate his painting; he's hoping to do a really special work and he suggests that to raise a little extra for RVAA's not-so-full purse that \$3. or \$4. donation per aspiring Ron Lent watercolor owner might be given. So please remember that you can get rid of your extra \$ingles, help RVAA, and take a chance on Ron Lent's watercolor May 11.

Our thanks go to Debbie Hughes for running our Big Apple Bus Trip April 18. All went well and everyone enjoyed the Met and the AWS Show at the newly renovated Salmagundi Club. Great weather that day, too!

Our thanks also go to Elsa Herrmann and Susan Furey for running our Spring Members' Show at the Manville Public Library. Our congratulations go to all the winners, as follows:

BEST IN SHOW Fran Maurer

PRO, all categories

First Elsa Herrman

Second Ed Baumlin

Third Doug Axman

NON-PRO, all categories

First Jo Coudert

Second Doris Haines

Third Ken McNally

Honorable Mention Tim Furey

During April's meeting RVAA Secretary Eleanor Demott reminded us that since RVAA's by-laws haven't been reviewed, or changed, since 1987, a review might be in order. President Linda Arnold is planning to have copies made for review at our September meeting. Ed Golubiewski also

reminded us that RVAA's "year" starts in September and we should be ready with dues then. Speaking of which, the September meeting is the 14th.

Before that, though, Linda Arnold and yours truly will be receiving for our Extra Treat Show at Somerset County Library Tuesday morning, Sept. 1, from 10-12. Please contact either Linda at 647-3610 or me at 722-0562 to say whether you plan to be in this show because we plan too either call or send reminder notes to any interested, closer to the receiving date. Linda also wants to thank all who have helped her this past year; it's been a good one for RVAA and with continued enthusiasm (and a little help) next year will be just as great (or greater).

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Marie Kober has just moved herself and her painting talent to HAWAII! Her new address is P.O. Box 1618, Kapaau, HI, 96755. We will really miss Marie but we wish her very well in the land-of-many-painting opportunities.

Joan McKinney and Ruth Wilson will be having a joint Art Exhibit at the Princeton Medical Center in the Medical Center Dining Room, 253 Witherspoon St., in Princeton. Their opening reception, to which you're cordially invited, will be Friday, May 15th from 4-6 pm; the show runs until July 16th.

Sonja Weir was recently elected to the American Artists Professional League's National Executive Board, in New York City. Sonja also has her show "Plenitude" at the Agora Gallery in New York City which runs from July 8 to 29th. She invites all of you to her opening reception July 16th from 6-8 pm. If you call Sonja at 356-5372, she will give you easy directions on how to go to the Agora.

So! No more newsletters until September. But I urge you to send me postcards or notes with every bit of your news. I keep them in a manilla envelope and I'm eager to hear from you. Written news always gets in; often phone messages get lost. Joyous spring and summer to you all!